

# Carpathian Expo Carpathian Convention COP7

LECA (Supporting the coexistence and conservation of  
Carpathian Large Carnivores)

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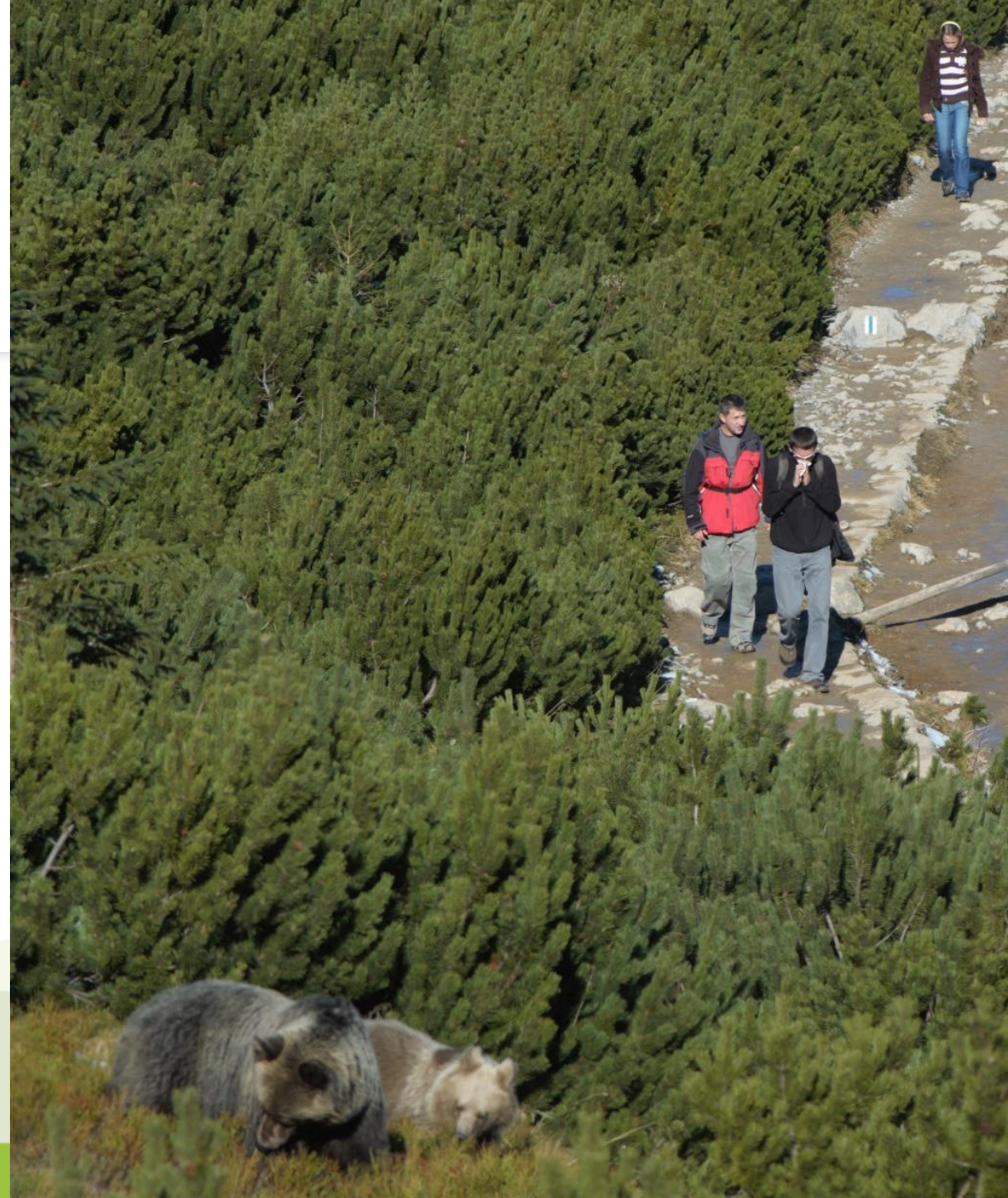
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# Large carnivores: Carpathian cooperation

- Lynx, wolf and bear as keystone species
- Carpathians host abundant native populations
- Carpathian Convention → Protocol on Biodiversity & Biodiversity Working Group → International Action Plan on the conservation of large carnivores and ensuring ecological connectivity
- Need for coordinated transnational cooperation & harmonised policies and data collection & joint conservation approaches



# Project Partners



Lead partner



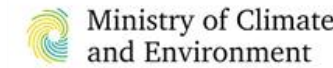
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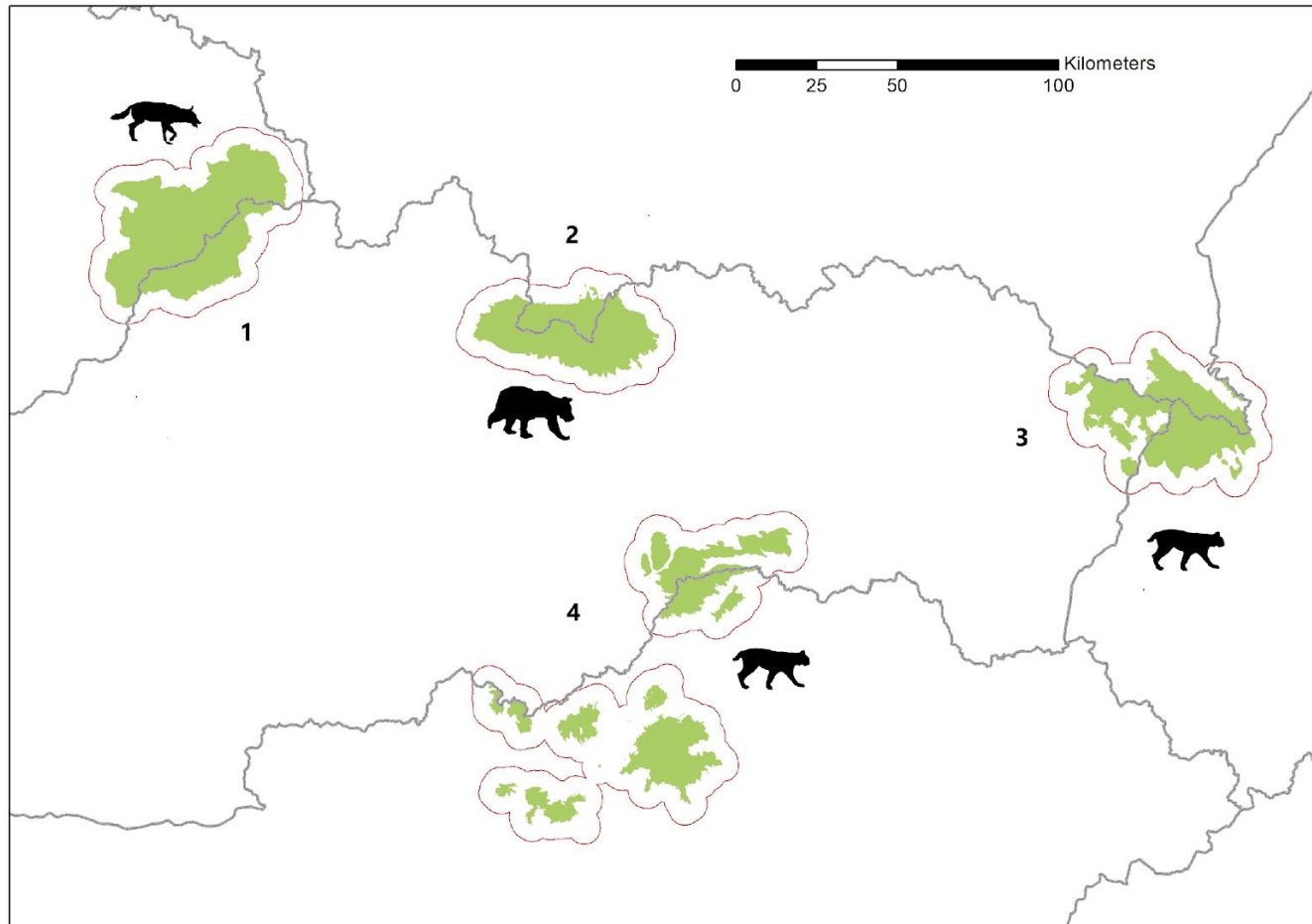


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# Transboundary Pilot Areas

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1. Beskydy-Kysuce (CZ – SK)
2. Tatra Mountains (SK – PL)
3. East Carpathians (PL – SK – UA)
4. Slovak Karst – North Hungarian Mountains (SK – HU)



# Activities and Outcomes

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- Setting the scene for large carnivore conservation in the Carpathians → **Thematic Guidances**
- Comprehensive, sustainable **system of monitoring** of large wolves, bears, lynxes
- Joint solutions to tackle **poaching** and resolve **human-carnivore conflicts** across the Carpathians
- Recommendations for the revision of the International Action Plan on the conservation of large carnivores and ensuring ecological connectivity
- **Multi-stakeholder engagement** and policy, education and public roll-out of project findings
- Scaling up towards the **Alpine region and the EU level**
- Next steps: **consultations within the Carpathian and Alpine Conventions + joint conference in Slovenia, March 2024**

# Key messages & links

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- Long-term co-existence between people and large carnivores in the Carpathians cannot be achieved without transnational cooperation.
- Need for improvement of evidence-based policy frameworks for biodiversity and their implementation at local, regional and transnational level.
- <https://www.interreg-central.eu/projects/leca/>
- Thank you for your attention!

